STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE

Re: Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands; Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380

Today, we take a number of important first steps towards allowing the introduction of new low power devices to operate on unused broadcast television channels/frequencies not being used for authorized services. Hopefully, this plan will provide for more efficient and effective use of the TV spectrum and will significantly benefit the public, especially those Americans in rural areas, by allowing the development of new and innovative types of devices and services for businesses and consumers.